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SENATOR BROWN: What...what kinds of things did you look at when you were determining whether to sponsor this bill?

SENATOR ROBAK: Senator Brown, this bill was brought to me by the occupational therapists upon intense study. If you look at the information that I just passed out, the "Nebraska Credentialing Reform 2000", a model for regulation of healthcare professions by the state...state government in Nebraska, part two of the study directed by LB 183, a report to Governor Nelson, Governor-elect Johanns and the Nebraska Legislature, January 1, 1999. "In April, 1997, the Legislature passed LB 183, which instructed the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure to conduct a study of the regulation system for health facilities and professions in Nebraska. The result of this study will be a comprehensive design for a model system for the credentialing and regulation of the health care professionals, facilities, and providers in Nebraska." And it goes on and I passed this out...

SENATOR BROWN: Right.

SENATOR ROBAK: ...for everybody to read.

SENATOR BROWN: I...I read through that. How did you arrive at the number of hours specifically?

SENATOR ROBAK: I arrived at that number of hours...I did not arrive at that number. It's the occupational therapists who brought me this bill for me to carry for them, and they arrived at that number of hours.

SENATOR BROWN: Do you...would you then consider recommendations from professional organizations such as the Association for the Education of Young Children, which is a professional organization that deals with early childhood education, care and education,.

SENATOR ROBAK: I would have to see who brought the bill and how they came to arrive at that certain number of hours. If you're referring to your bill, Senator Brown, that did not advance in